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GENERAL NEWS.

Florida's Orange Groves Blasted by Cold.

CALIFORNIA GRAIN AND THE GULF ROUTE

Grant Meets with Unexpected Opposition to his Mexican Railway Scheme—Indian Outbreaks in Texas, etc., etc.

SPECIAL TO THE OREGONIAN.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Worker over Mr. Grant, the respected Edmonds [illegible] Grant, whose interested in visiting Mexico on the morrow, and who is [illegible] to the construction of a railway connecting the Central Pacific of this country with the Mexican railroad system, [illegible] opposition to the scheme, and [illegible] the Mexican Central [illegible] system of railway communication between the United States and Mexico. This opposition will be confined to them by patriotic and disinterested Mexicans who honestly believe that the liberty and independence of their country will be imperilled by any extension of the social and commercial relations with the United States. Nothing could be further from the truth. He could scarcely be left or accepted than in promoting good feeling between the two republics and encouraging extension of industrial and commercial relations between them. All patriotic and enlightened Americans will wish him complete success in so good a work.

Trouble on the Roads West of Omaha.

OMAHA, March 25.—Another serious accident occurred this afternoon on the Union Pacific at Schuyler, about twelve miles west of the city, resulting in a number of persons being more or less injured. The track around the latter place was completed last night and this morning the rushing of through trains was resumed over the east-and-west division. An east-bound express passed North Bend this afternoon in safety, although the Platte river was then rising rapidly and the water was within two feet of the bridge, and the same train passed safely over the new track near Fremont. Shortly after this, however, the Platte suddenly made another big descent on North Bend, overflowed the country for a distance of one mile and a half or two in a short time, the flood carrying the accumulated ice together with the track for a distance of a mile, and at last accounts the river was still rising and washing badly. The west-bound Union Pacific train, which had reached Fremont, returned to Omaha and took a new start over the Burlington & Missouri road to Kearney. Travel will be run by this latter route without delay until the break is repaired.

The overflow of the Platte river, in the vicinity of North Bend, is much more serious an occurrence than at first reported. A new wagon bridge across the north channel of the river floated down at o'clock tonight, part of it lodging at the ferry and the balance swinging on the bank. It was a new and expensive structure. The whole country is now with water for miles and miles around North Bend, and is three feet deep in the town, the people being obliged to go from place to place in boats. About forty additional miles of one foot or ten minutes occurred, but it has either gone down about eight inches. The extent of the damage can not now be estimated. Beaulieu river, about fifteen miles west of Ingalls, is rising rapidly and unless save the Pacific bridge at Gilmore.

An Interesting Case of "Ice."

NEW YORK, March 25.—The Commercial Bulletin says: Recent statements respecting a cause of the ice famine, New Orleans and gulf export trade are of a character to arrest attention in mercantile and transportation circles. In connection with this matter we observe an unusual movement on the part of wheat exporters on the Pacific coast. Nine cargoes are said to be pending between San Francisco and New Orleans transportation companies and parties in San Francisco for the conveyance of 20,000 or more of wheat from the former city in cargo to New Orleans for European account. The rail and water shipments of this magnitude can be made at a profit, one thing is certain, and that is that there will be a great deal of talk [illegible] in the cities north the country, so far, but that everything depends on the cost."

Export of Gold from France to America Stopped.

Leading bankers have shown that the Bank of France has declined to pay shipments of gold. The Post comments this to mean that the bank will pay in bars gold only on agreement, that it shall not be re-exported.

Foreign papers discuss the [illegible] not against the suspension of gold payments by the Bank of France.

Florida Orange Groves Injured by a Cold Snap.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A letter from St. Johns river, Florida, says: Yesterday a cold wave came down to the orange river section and for [illegible] hours of degrees in this section of Dade county below freezing. There has thought to be 30 or 40 cases, but will not exceed. There has been no [illegible] damage to the fruit.

Destroyed Mails.

NEW YORK, March 25.—There has been much inconvenience to business men in this city in consequence of delayed mails since February 1st on the Texas & Pacific railroad. The [illegible] Texas & Pacific road, and said that the [illegible] letters and other communications of no particular business men. The mail has not arrived until it is said, after the Jay Gould system, and the [illegible] division of the railway mail service, received a report stating that the mails had been destroyed in [illegible] to some of the more [illegible] ...

Alex. Delmar on the Southern Pacific.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Alexander Delmar, formerly director of the bureau of statistics and for many years engaged in mining in California and Nevada, was interviewed this evening regarding the Southern Pacific road, and said that the weakest point in the system was the [illegible] road. He said that the [illegible] was [illegible] and that the [illegible] was [illegible] ...

A Sensational Story Boiled Down.

PITTSBURG, March 25.—The story told by detectives in New York of the arrest of a Chicago woman for a heavy diamond theft is largely overdrawn. The amount involved is only $500 dollars not $10,000, as it hardly rises to the dignity of a sensation. The woman in question is Mrs. Dr. Ward and the victimized diamond broker is a Mr. Perkins, who had frequently bought jewelry and on one occasion loaned her a ring he wore, to which she took a fancy. She immediately raised $100 dollars from a diamond broker in a New York [illegible] ...

Died.

[illegible] ... He was [illegible] ...

An Illegitimate Train.

CHICAGO, March 25.—The Tribune [illegible] ... Burlington route through Ashtabula [illegible] ... accidents have happened to it and [illegible] ... number of passengers have lost their lives.

Nomination.

DETROIT, March 25.—The republican [illegible] ... nothing being unable to agree on a [illegible] ... Russell B. Porter by 1[illegible].

A Sanitary Measure.

Thirteen picked plays, four and a squad of [illegible] ... officers began this morning canvassing [illegible] ... houses and cellars throughout the city for the purpose of [illegible] ... fever.

Fire in Jersey City.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A fire broke out this morning in the dry room of the [illegible] ... Wooster, Jersey City. A number of workmen were [illegible] ... horror-stricken [illegible] ... Scott, Timothy Sullivan, Morris Grant, Jessamill.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE OREGONIAN.

Still Further Details.

NEW YORK, March 25.—No list of the victims of the opera house fire is yet published. The bodies in most cases were calcined and charge not beyond recognition. The Strakosch required to be identified. During the fire several people [illegible] ... threw themselves from the [illegible] ... were dashed to pieces. The calamity was the result of [illegible] ... The gallery was [illegible] ... pull the scenes had not been repaired or renewed for [illegible] ... had eleven years and no escape of gas which [illegible] ... four months ago was [illegible] ... The day before the fire motion [illegible] ... discovered during rehearsal. Two [illegible] ... plumbers' apprentices were left [illegible] ... without superintendence. It is said [illegible] ... they did their work imperfectly, consequently the [illegible] ... concentrated behind the drops and as soon as the [illegible] ... were kicked in the rush of the audience [illegible] ... curtain. The [illegible] ... was the property of [illegible] ... and which the stage was built [illegible] ... auditorium, was instantly turned off and the theater thereby plunged in darkness, hence the panic and stampedes which cost so many unfortunate people their lives. Very few persons were injured, but the number of deaths was quite large. Two hundred and fifty people were crowded into a small gallery with only one narrow door which opened inward as is usual in case of egress. On all sides [illegible] ... the passage were the words "door in case of fire," but it had not been opened for years and it was impossible to break through it. The majority of the victims were Negroes or Italians. The [illegible] ... public interest in town by 25 of the victims.

Parnell Talks.

LONDON, March 25.—At a meeting in this city tonight Parnell said it was desirable a form or name various in England and Scotland for the purpose of [illegible] ... towards the objects of the land league. If this was intended to compete with the home rule confederation, which would result in existence. The English land question, he thought, was at present ripe for settlement, but anything further than Ireland would favorably affect the interests of England and Scotland. It was impossible for the government to finally settle the land question, but any proposals tending to ameliorate the condition of the people would be advanced by means of the proposed organization. They could, as in America, create public opinion in England and Scotland. Slowly, he said, is showing from Australia to Ireland at the rate of 2,000 weekly.

Resolutions were adopted to constitute the association a land league of Great Britain, with Charles Cleary as president, to assist the land league to reduce rack rents and enable Irish tenant farmers to become owners of their holdings on reasonable terms, that the best way to attain these objects is by taking [illegible] ... and to [illegible] ...

Gladstone on the Stand.

LONDON, March 25.—In the [illegible] ... libel case Gladstone testified. When [illegible] ... seat on the bench, he [illegible] ... that the article appeared in the Daily Telegraph of [illegible] ... March 15th and a [illegible] ... letter was alleged to [illegible] ... 25th and hoped to [illegible] ... Gladstone [illegible] ... Lewis, but that [illegible] ... Parnell's statement [illegible] ... subject.

Parliamentary.

LONDON, March 25.—In the House of Commons [illegible] ... Churchill [illegible] ... Parnell [illegible] ... Irish [illegible] ... Irish [illegible] ... Irish

The Daily Oregonian.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 26, 1881.

MATTERS AT WASHINGTON.

The worry at Washington over the offices at the disposal of the senate is rather small business. It is in fact very small business. Nor can the impartial critic justly say that the republicans are appearing in it with great advantage to themselves and their party. It was perfectly proper for them to contend for organization of the committees, for the committees virtually control legislation. But all this contention about the couple of dozen subordinate officers of the senate is unseemly. It can not be a matter of immense importance to the country that these officials be changed right now. They are simply the servants of the senate, and can have no influence whatever upon the course or direction of its business. This scramble for a few places, most of them of the petty sort, do not greatly dignify or ennoble the republican party in whose name the scramble is going on.

The pressure for an extra session of congress seems to be abating. Most of the reasons urged for it have been placed on economic grounds, and refer chiefly to refunding that portion of the public debt which will soon fall due. The amount of the maturing 5 and 6 per cent bonds is $671,387,200, and the interest on them for one year would be $35,602,025. On a like amount of bonds the interest for a year would be, at 3½ per cent, $23,563,552, and at 3 per cent, $20,147,616. If, then, the immediate convocation of congress to provide for refunding would make a difference in time of one year, the saving to the treasury thereby would be, at 3 per cent, $15,454,408, and at 3½ per cent, $12,096,473. But it need not make a difference of one year. A funding bill might be enacted within much less time than that after the bonds mature. The saving of interest could not be much more than compensated by the expenses of a session of congress, with the customary general extravagance of a session thrown in. Besides, it has been shown that a postponement of refunding until next winter would not necessarily involve the loss of the difference between the interest on the old and the proposed new bonds exhibited above. The authority of the treasury under the 4 per cent. refunding act is not yet exhausted. Under that act the treasury yet has power to issue $104,000,000 of 4 per cents, which, at the present price, would yield $114,000,000. Power is also given by the clause known as the Bayard amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill, to "at any time apply the surplus money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to the purchase or redemption of bonds, provided that the bonds so purchased or redeemed shall be canceled. The surplus revenue available for this purpose during the current fiscal year it is estimated will reach $90,000,000. It will thus be seen that the treasury is already provided with the means of retiring $201,000,000 of the maturing bonds. The total amount of the outstanding 6 per cents is $202,290,350. No further legislation is required to enable the treasury to refund $101,000,000 of this amount in 4 per cents, and to redeem and cancel the remainder. The 5 per cents ($405,620,650) would be still outstanding. The interest on them for one year would be $23,466,032. The interest on a like amount of 3½ per cents. would be $16,426,222. Difference lost to the treasury by postponement of refunding of 5 per cents. for one year, $7,059,810. But as congress will meet in less than six months after the maturing of most of these bonds, it is not seen why the delay should be protracted one year.

Party considerations could seem to go against the calling of an extra session. Experience has usually shown that the party responsible for an extra session has not profited by it. It is a common rule that political parties gain more by shirking responsibility than by seeking it. Every positive movement of a party in power affords some ground for the attack of the opposition. Too much is expected of legislation; and let a legislative body do what it will, it is pretty certain to receive more censure than commendation.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC SITUATION.

There is now pretty full information as to recent transactions in Northern Pacific. Latest dispatches, including the statement telegraphed by Mr. Villard, furnish the data hitherto wanted for an intelligible view of the subject. The Villard syndicate had obtained twenty-seven millions of the stock by absolute purchase, and moreover had secured pledges from outside stockholders of sufficient additional amounts to make an absolute majority of the entire stock of the company. Here was an influence and power portending a change in the direction of the affairs of the corporation. Thereupon it was resolved by the present management to order the immediate issue of the eighteen millions of additional stock. Mr. Villard says that most of this stock went to members of the party now in control. By this issue the majority in the hands of the Villard syndicate would of course be overcome. Clearly it was an expedient to retain control. But this movement is now resisted on the ground that the issue of additional stock was wholly illegal, and an injunction has been obtained which is claimed covers all the points necessary for protection of the original stock against the new issue. So far, then, the Villard party appear to hold the winning hand. Their movements indicate a fixed purpose to pursue their original object. Should the eighteen millions of stock be finally adjudged illegal, they will meet no further difficulty in securing the ascendant in the corporation at their next annual meeting. When THE OREGONIAN announced some weeks ago that the Villard syndicate had obtained control of a majority of the stock of the Northern Pacific, it reported truly a now undeniable fact. It was not, however, advised that the expedient would be employed of issuing so vast an amount of additional stock to overbear that majority. This paper simply endeavors to report the facts as they exist in this contest between representatives of the two great corporations. Friendly to both enterprises and holding the men who represent them in personal esteem, we regret that this struggle has taken its present form, since it may hinder the speedy development of the Pacific northwest which could best be promoted by their co-operation.

Mr. I. Chamberlain, a writer upon the New York press, whose death is announced by the journals of that city, served with Hanton Marble upon the World and, in 1868, during the absence of Mr. Marble, its editor wrote and inserted on his own responsibility an article advocating the withdrawal of General Blair from the democratic ticket of that year. The article made a great hubbub, as the World was a democratic organ. The same journal, now in different hands, says: "The damage done by that article to the prospects of the party has often been exaggerated, for it appeared at a stage of the canvass when the election of the democratic candidates was already and visibly hopeless, but for some years it not unnaturally shook the confidence of democrats in the journal in which it was published. When Mr. Marble, at that time the editor of the World, was mentioned, nine years afterward as a candidate for governor, the partisans' article of 1868 was hurled at him by his opponents. Mr. Chamberlain welcomed the opportunity of relieving his former chief of the imputation by avowing his own authorship of the article to a reporter, and by reading the circumstances in which it was written."

Among letters written by confederate emissaries in Canada in 1864, and now just published for the first time through the New York Tribune, is one from C. C. Clay of Alabama, in which that individual declares that General McClellan was "privately pledged to make peace, even at the expense of separation, in the event of his election to the presidency." General McClellan who is very chary of positive statements, has thought it worth his while to notice this assertion. He pronounces it "entirely false," and says it was his intention in case of his election to prosecute the war with all possible vigor. It may be fit to observe, however, that Gen. McClellan's views in prosecuting war was not very considerable.

It has been decided by the cabinet that there shall be no extra session of congress. We hasten to give this before a contrary announcement is made.

DIED.

In this City, March 26, Mrs. Eliza Turk, mother of Judge Turk, aged 48 years.

[illegible] on Saturday, March 26, at 2 o'clock, from late residence, Portland Hotel. Carpet, near Front. Friends invited.

In this city, March 26, of dropsy on the brain, daughter of T. M. and Emeline Smith, aged 1 year, 4 months.

In this city, March 25, Miss Annie Horgan, beloved wife of John W. Hobson, aged 25 years.

Funeral from residence, corner Seventh and F streets, Sunday at 1 o'clock.

On board steamer Panama, near St. Carlos, March 5, of brain fever, Clara Ann Gibson, daughter of Patrick and Julia O. Ryan, aged 2 years and 3 months.

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Miss Bonnie Comins.—All preliminaries have been arranged, and to-morrow Miss Katherine Rignold and the full dramatic company will start from San Francisco for Portland on the steamer Oregon, the new dramatic season will open at New Market Theater on Saturday evening, April 2d and continue for two weeks. The company consists of the following artists: Miss Lillian Andrews, Miss Fanny Price, Miss Imogene Hardie, Miss Della Sawyer, Miss Roberts, Joseph Grattan, Harry Colton, A. D. Bradbeer, W. Jennings, Chas. Searle, Fred Rowe, Thos. Baker, J. W. Jennings, John McCormack, John Miller and Dan Belmar. The repertoire includes the following popular plays: "Miss Morton," "Her Dowry," "Old Arbor," "Dora," "Divorce," "Pauline," "Camille," "Cricket on the Hearth," "Lady of Lyons," "Pluquin," "Mazeppa," etc.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

San Francisco, March 25.—Sterling exchange on London bankers, 60 days, 48½@48¾; on documentary, 50½@50¾.

Transfers, 17½@20.

Bank of England rate of interest 4 per cent.

New York, March 25.—Sterling exchange, bankers' long, 4 80½; short, 4 83; good commercial, from 4 81½ lower; documentary, 9 cents lower.

Silver bullion, 100 fine per fine ounce, 112¾.

U. S. Bonds—Sixes of '81, 101½; 4½s, 113¾; 4s, 111¾.

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London, Mar. 25.—Consols, 100 15-16 money, 100 15-16 account.

Silver bullion, English standard, 52d fine per fine ounce, 51 1-16.

U. S. Bonds—4½s, 114½.

Closed—4½s, 115.

The New York Stock Market.

New York, March 25.—The stock market is very feverish and the preponderating effect is to depress prices pending uncertainty about necessary policy.

New York, March 25.—Silver bars, 112¾; trade dollars, 90@; governments, strong; long 4½s, 115¾; old 6½s, 103½; U. S. 10-40 bonds, 114; Quicksilver offered at 35; Pacific, 85½; Erie, 40¾; Mariposa, —; Wells, Fargo, 137½; New York Central, 144½; Pacific, 212; Union Pacific, 108½; bonds, 113½; Central Pacific, 85; bonds, 110; Sutro, 1½.

Stocks at London.

London, March 25.—Silver, 52 1-16; Erie, 41½; Erie, 47½.

PORTLAND, March 25.

The wheat situation, controlled as it is and has been the season through by the supply and demand of freights, continues lamelse. The sales of the past week have largely been made up of lots in store at Portland whose owners are tired of paying the various charges of holding here. What would happen if wheat was crowded upon the market no one can say. That it would reduce values is certain, but the staying qualities of farmers and other holders as exhibited so far this season will prevent this in proportion to the bulk we have on hand there are no transactions of any account. Quotations remain unchanged—$1 33 per cental.

The Scottish Fairy, consigned to Sibson, Church & Co., arrived in the river yesterday and will go up the river to-morrow. She will load a cargo of flour which awaits her here. The Scottish Fairy is one of five or six vessels overdue and which may arrive at any time.

An old wooden vessel without class, the Signet, about 600 tons, now at Victoria, has been offered to shippers here at 35s to Liverpool. She has not been taken.

THE TONNAGE MARKET.

At San Francisco—The Present Situation and Prospects for the Future—The Wheat Surplus.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Recent heavy additions to the fleet bound to California have caused considerable speculation as to the result on the freight market after the new crop is harvested. Most of the tonnage recently added will not arrive till after July. The present fleet need not be considered in connection with the new crop, for large as it is, it is insufficient to carry off the balance of the present crop as the following figures conclusively prove. On the first of January the amount of wheat remaining in the state was estimated by all having knowledge of the matter to be at least 5,-805,456 centals, the amount reported by the produce exchange. Local consumption is generally placed at 15,000 short tons per month, but to allow for contingencies we have doubled that figure, making 32,-000 tons per month, or 90,000 tons from January 1st to April 1st. Reduced, this gives 1,260,000 centals. With this explanation the following table shows the situation:

	Centals.
Stock of wheat on hand Jan. 1, 1881	5,805,456
Consumption of seed, etc., to date	1,980,560
Exports of wheat and flour reduced to wheat, Jan. 1st, to date	4,830,679
Surplus for export remaining on hand	13,115,695

Reducing the above the surplus gives 656,703 short tons. Tonnage in sight, including everything in the way in port (chartered for wheat or free), foots up 994,222. Leave with a carrying capacity of 337,519 tons, leaving a surplus of wheat unprovided for of 319,287 short tons. The past week has been a notable one in the history of our freight market. While tonnage on the way has been increasing rapidly, disengaged tonnage in port has been reduced to one vessel and the loading fleet has also dwindled, while but for the scarcity of sailers it would have shown a further reduction of nearly ten thousand tons. Charters drawn have been at best rates paid in the year, the British iron ship Raglan Castle obtaining £4 3d, Cork, U. K.; the American wooden ship Jumpster, £4 for same destination, and other charters were drawn at nearly as high rates. The only remaining ship is the St. John, and the market can therefore be safely reported as exceedingly firm at the last rates paid.

NEW YORK FREIGHTS AND MARKETS.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The freight market, although not absolutely dull, is not so active as it was expected it would be; still on the whole, there is a fair business doing. The El Capitan is about loaded and will get away by Monday and will be followed by the Dan. Fatchild by the 1st prox. Rates remain as previously quoted and firm. Tonnage is in good supply and owners are more anxious to accept business, but yet ask full prices for their vessels. Several ships to arrive are committed, but their names are not made public.

Overland freights are less active than last week. Shipments include 53 bbls syrup, 31 pigs tobacco, 2000 cs coal oil, 125 cs canned goods, 100 cs milk, 6 bbls currants, 40 pkgs nuts, 30 bxs cheese, 200 pigs lead, and 254 kegs horse shoes.

Markets as a general thing are dull.

Wheat—Dull, weak; 1c lower.

Barley—Neglected.

Pork—More active and higher.

Lard—7½c higher, quiet.

Rio coffee—Dull and nominal.

Refined sugars—Fair demand.

Hides—Dull.

Turpentine—Firmer.

Petroleum—Lower.

Prices at Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Wheat—Stronger; unsettled; $1 00¾@1 01¾ cash, $1 00¾ April, $1 05¾ May.

Corn—Steady and easier; 38¾@38¾ cash, 38¾@40 April; 42¾@42¾ May.

Oats—Firmer; 29¾ cash April; 31½c May.

June.

Rye—Unchanged.

Barley—Firmer; $1 05.

Whisky—$1.

Pork—Stronger and higher; $13¾ cash April $13¾; May 37½.

Lard—Strong; higher; 10 45 cash; 10 47½ May 10 47½.

The English Breadstuffs Market.

LIVERPOOL, March 25.—Breadstuffs quiet; wheat 6d to 6d 3d per cental for red western spring, and 6s 8d@6s 9d for red winter. Receipts wheat for the past three days, 144,000 centals, including 116,000 American.

The San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Wheat, weaker; No. 1, $1 37½@$1 40; No. 2, $1 32½@$1 35.

Whisky.

CINCINNATI, March 25.—Whisky, $1 06.

Gold and Stock Reports.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

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Receipts—Wheat 21,000 centals, flour 1100 qr sacks, potatoes 1500 sks, eggs 20,060 doz.

Wheat—The market is quiet with prices against sellers. Market is affected by Liverpool advices. Among sales to-day were 100 tons extra choice shipping at $1 40, 65 tons choice milling at $1 40. We quote the market the same as before, but appearances indicate lower values.

Oats—Market strong but not quotably higher.

Barley—Feed. Demand fair, with an improved feeling. Quote, 77½@85c.

Potatoes—Heavy receipts have affected the market. Quote Chili Garnet at 45@50c; Peerless the same; Early Rose, 95c@$1 05.

Butter—There is a good shipping demand. The market is more steady. Quote choice fresh roll at 21½@22c; choice packed, 20½@22c; eastern, 18@19c.

Eggs—The market is quiet, with tendency to more ease. Quote at 19@20c.

Provisions—The market shows no feature of striking interest. We quote the same as before.

Apples—There is but small demand, except for choice; red cheeks are jobbing at $1 75@2; Spitzenburg, $1 25@$1 75; Newton, Oregon, $1@1 75.

Oranges—Quote California at $1 50@2 50; Mexican, $2 50 per hundred.

Lemons and Limes—The market is firm under better concentration of stock. California lemons same as before; Mexican lemons, $12@13; California limes, $1 25@2; Sicily limes, $10@11.

Dried Fruit—The market is not quite so dull and prices favor sellers. We quote the same as before.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

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Wheat—$1 00¾ April.

Pork—$15 30 April.

Lard—$10 37½ April.

Ribs—$7 30 bid, $7 40 asked April.

Short Ribs—$7 62.

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Wheat—Unsettled; $1 16@1 22.

Flour—Quiet.

Barley—Dull and nominal.

Wool—Quiet.

BENRROM'S ENGLISH REPORTS.

LONDON, March 25.

Floating cargoes—Very dull.

Cargoes on passage—Buyers holding off, hoping to obtain concessions.

Mark Lane—Rather easier.

Good ranges red winter off coast—48s.

Good cargoes California off coast—47s6d 7s 6d.

London good shipping California just shipped or promptly to be shipped—48s 6d.

English country markets—Firm.

French country markets—Firm.

Liverpool spot—Dull.

Liverpool red winter, per ctl—Highest, 11s 9d; lowest, 9s 4d.

Liverpool red spring, per ctl—Highest, 11s 7d; lowest, 9s 1d.

Shipping Intelligence.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Arrived—Stmr Idaho, Victoria.

Sailed—Schr Two Brothers, Seattle; bk Atlanta, Port Gamble; bktn North Bend, Portland.

PORT MADISON, March 25.—Sailed—Bk Northwest, San Francisco; brig Glencoe, San Francisco; bk Pacific Marshall, Honolulu.

NEW TACOMA, March 24.—Sailed—Stmr Empire, San Francisco.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Cleared—Stmr Williamette, Portland.

SYDNEY, March 24.—Sailed—Stmr Zealandia, San Francisco.

ASTORIA, March 25.—Br bk Scottish Fairy arrived last night; stmr Columbia crossed out this morning. Weather—Cloudy, wind south.

PANAMA, March 21.—Arrived—Stmr South Carolina, from Champerico.

—Sailed—Stmr Honduras, Champerico.

DOCTORS GAVE HIM UP.

"Is it possible that Mr. Godfrey is up and at work, and cured by so simple a remedy?"

"I assure you it is true that he is entirely cured, and with nothing but Hop Bitters, and only ten days ago, his doctors gave him up and said he must die."

"Well-a-day! If that is so, I will go this minute and get some for my poor George. I know hops are good.

LIST OF LETTERS

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Althalber, Miss M
Alphin, Miss
Anderson, Minna
Bates, Mrs C
Bickets, Miss S
Bonzer, Mrs M
Bowlin, Miss M
Brown, Mrs M
Burnett, Miss
Carmichael, Miss A
Caymous, Miss M
Conner, Miss S
Crosby, Miss M
Cram, Mrs S
Crane, Mrs H
Christenson, Mrs
Curtis, Mrs M H
Eklund, Miss E M
Edwards, Mrs E
Findley, Mrs M
Foster, Mrs E
Frenkenbrank, Miss
Gallwey, J
Gilbertson, R
Green, Miss
Graham, C
Garbutson, I
Hass, H
Hess, R
Higginbotham, Mrs
Howell, Mrs
Hook, —
Holmar, H
Hother, F
Harrington, —
Harvey, Mrs
Hanson, P
Ingraham, L
Jackson, J
Jackson, H
Jones, E
Jenkins, Mrs
Johnson, Mrs
Johnson, P
Kilbourn, G
Kelly, M
Lucan, W
Landis, H
Leely, Mrs
Leatherberry, Mrs
Leidinger, J
Lewalling, A
Marsh, O
Magee, Mrs E
Miller, N
Miller, W A
Miner, E E
Mitch, G
Mogenson, W
Monson, R
Monagle, D
Morgan, H G
Murchison, D
Murphy, E P
Martin, H
Martin, O
Marshall, M
McConnell, H
McGee, S
Maguire, O
McDaniel, J
McKeel, H
McKeegan, L
McAbe, P
Miller, Mrs A
Moore, Mrs A
Murphey, Mrs
Markham, Mrs
Mowaney, Miss
Nelson, Mrs
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